(viii) acceleration of State irrigation projects to provide drought proofing.

(ix) allocation of foodgrains to States for distribution to persons employed on relief works, as a part of wages.

Manufacture of various brands of edible oils

3725. SHRI J. P GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large number of brands of edible oils available in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether due to high prices of edible oils and short supply of imported edible oils, various firms/individuals have resorted to manufacturing of edible oils in various brand names;

(d) whether Government are satisfied with their usefulness and have ensured that they do not have any harmful effects; if so what are the details in this regard; and

(e) whether Government propose to make the people aware about the usefulness or otherwise of various edible oils under various brand names, including imported edible oils and if so what are the details in this reard and if not what are the reasons sons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (e) Edible Oils are sold under various brand names by different manufacturers These oils are sold in raw form. refined form or after hydrogenation in the form of vanaspati. Different brands of oils cater to the varying requirements of the consumer.

(d) and (e) The producers of edible oils including imported oil are required to conform to the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, which ensures that the product is safe for consumption Usage of different edible oils depends on consumer preference.

NDDB's agreement with foreign firms on vegetable and fruit projects

3726. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has entered into an agreement with some foreign firms for vegetable and fruit projection of the Government of India;

(b) whether technical know-how in this regard is easily available in India; and

(c) whether the contracts have been given by the NDDB on the basis of single quotation of their choice as had been done by the NDDB/IDC for Tetrapak Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERTION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conventional concrete technology available in India was found to take a long time of 3-4 years for completion of the job, as against 15 months with modern technology which is cost effective under Indian conditions and which uses pre-fabricated steel construction and insulated panels.

(c) No, Sir. NDDB had floated a global tender for supply. erection and commissioning of the production block of the Central Distribution Facility on a turnkey basis. The advertisement was also inserted in the Indian Export Bulletin. Quotations